

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road
Folsom, CA 95630

PROJECT TITLE: Visitor Center Improvements

LOCATION: Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park

COUNTY: Sacramento

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Improve the exterior wall, the existing sidewalk, parking area, signage and front area of the Visitor Center at the Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park to meet accessibility standards, protect the building and provide signage. Work will:

- Mount channel lettering on the south exterior wall indicating the park unit name;
- Extend the existing sidewalk by 80 feet to connect it to the emergency exit stairs and entrance deck. Materials include road base, concrete and pavers. The entire 80-foot extension will require excavation to a depth of 4 inches;
- Construct two retaining walls at the base of the emergency exit platform. One retaining wall will be on the west side of the emergency exit stairs extending to the Visitor Center wall, the other will be on the east side of the stairs extending 5 feet east to the outer concrete footing of the emergency exit platform. Excavation to a depth of 4 feet will be needed;
- Install a drain paralleling the front of the Visitor Center approximately 3 feet from the exterior wall. Materials include aggregate base, 6" perforated plastic pipe wrapped in filter fabric, aggregate and soil;
- Install concrete barrier along the iron fencing under the east side of the entrance deck. Materials include concrete board, concrete cinder block, masonry sealer and 1/8 inch self-adhesive moisture barrier;
- Backfill a 5-foot by 28-foot area between the emergency exit stairs and entrance deck with soil;
- Repave the road adjacent to the new sidewalk with class 2 road base and asphalt; and
- Install five parking signs along the south end parking stalls with 3 metal posts on the east lot and (2) 2 inch by 2 inch galvanized steel posts on the west lot directly behind the retaining wall. All sign posts will be installed to a depth of 18 – 24 inches and secured with a concrete base.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Gold Fields District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 1, 3, 4 Section: 15301, 15303, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations to existing public facilities involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures and minor public alterations in the condition of land which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees included as "modifications of existing facilities for people with disabilities, trail or road repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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